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For: APPARATUS FOR TREATING VOLUME-REDUCED POLYSTYRENE RESIN IN  
GEL STATE FOR MATERIAL SEPARATION AND RECOVERY

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

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JP 2002-128948, JP 2001-310971, JP 2000-189924, JP 2001-181439, JP 11-77682 and JP 2000-80198 were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated May 13, 2008 for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2005-501952, copy attached.

Additionally, Applicants submit an English Language Abstract for JP 2000-189924, JP 2001-181439, JP 11-77682 and JP 2000-80198.

Applicant notes that JP 2002-128948 and JP 2001-310971 listed in the Japanese Office Action were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 28, 2005, and are therefore not being resubmitted herewith.

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